

MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION OF STATE EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE KATRINA

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C.G.S.§§ 166A-4(3) and G.S. 14-288.1(10), exists in the State of North Carolina, as North Carolina conducts humanitarian relief efforts to support the states affected by the devastation brought about by Hurricane Katrina, which began on August 29, 2005;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina will need and seek assistance for an unspecified period of time: and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the law of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

- <u>Section 1.</u> Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-6 and 14-288.15, I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the State of North Carolina.
- Section 2. I hereby order all state and local government entities and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.
- Section 3. I hereby delegate to Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, and/or his designee, all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A, and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in the State.
- Section 4. Further, Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer for the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in N.C.G.S. § 143B-476.